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## VETERANS OF GREAT WAR

A Column Devoted to the Interests of the Men Who  
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Business meetings of the Jacob Jones Post, No. 2, American Legion, have been eliminated during the summer months, but in September the winter program will be taken up. A lawn party is being arranged by the post to be held August 1 at Arlington, Va. Many members of the post recently attended a boat ride to Fort Washington, and plans are being made for another in the near future.

A banquet is to be held by the post next December, the place and date for which have not been selected. Committees have been appointed and are completing the arrangements.

The annual excursion of the District of Columbia Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is to be held at Chesapeake Beach August 11. Those in charge of the trip are L. E. Donaldson, W. G. Jamieson, Albert E. Haan and E. S. Bettelheim, Jr.

A special meeting of Equality-Water Reed Post, No. 254, is to be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a commander in place of Commander Beck, who has been elected an officer in the post.

Two hundred and fifty members of the American Legion, headed by Franklin D'Oller, former national commander, and representing every state and every branch of service, will sail for France August 3 on a pilgrimage to the former battle zone of the world war.

The pilgrimage is at the instance of President Millerand, who, on behalf of the French government, invited the American Legion to send a representative delegation of former service men to attend the unveiling of the Flirey monument and to participate in a series of events planned especially for the Americans.

The Flirey monument at Flirey, France, is a tribute to the citizens of that town and Lorraine, on behalf of the American troops, who delivered their soil from German occupation. Flirey is in the old Toul sector and once was the regimental headquarters of several American divisions.

The F. W. Galbraith, Jr., Post of the American Legion of New York City is the first post named for the late national commander of the legion to receive its charter. It is attached to the American Legion Weekly headquarters. Two other legion posts have been organized in honor of the late commander, one at Cincinnati, Ohio, and the other at Rock Island, Ill.

The Tank Corps Post, No. 19, American Legion, recruited two members during the past week who make history in the world war—one, Maj. George Smith Patton, Jr., now commanding officer, third squadron, Cavalry, stationed at Fort Myer, Va., and the other Maj. D. C. T. Grubbs, equipment officer, Tank Center, Camp Meade, Md.

Maj. Patton, who commanded the 344th Battalion of Tanks during the world war, and took part in the St. Mihiel and Argonne offensives, was wounded in action, and was awarded the D. S. M. for bravery under fire. Maj. Patton went overseas as commanding officer, Headquarters Troop, at Chaumont, and was later promoted and transferred to the Tank Corps, where he made a wonderful record.

Maj. Grubbs served as chief of staff, tanks, at G-2, Chaumont, throughout the war. He is one of the pioneer officers of the Tank Corps, and since his return to this country has been working on the new tank, which will be the latest word in mobile artillery. Maj. Grubbs was one of the most popular of tank officers overseas and has the admiration and respect of the entire enlisted personnel.

Chairman William Franklin of the American Legion outing committee has about completed arrangements for the first annual field day and family reunion of the American Legion for Thursday, August 25, at Chesapeake Beach. Tickets are being distributed by Chairman Collins of the ticket committee. Chairman C. W. Swan of the committee has arranged for the first annual track and field meet, with some twenty events on the program. A handsome silver loving cup is to be awarded the post scoring the greatest number of points. Many other prizes will be awarded in each event.

The Costello Post and the Tank Corps Post of the Legion voted to oppose the placing of the body of an unknown soldier in the United States Capitol instead of in Arlington, as proposed by the George Washington Post some time ago. Both posts at regular meetings opposed the resolution in no uncertain terms.

I. H. Horton, assistant to the department commander of the American Legion in the District, has been kept busy in the past two weeks answering inquiries. The membership drive has been on, and nearly all of the posts report an increased number of members. The motion picture theaters have been running slides, calling on all men who served during the first war to "Join the legion and carry on."

Resolutions urging President Harding, Secretary of War Weeks and Secretary of the Navy Denby, to exert their influence for the retention of war veterans in the government departments were adopted by Hobley S. Evans Post, No. 4, the American Legion, at its regular meeting Thursday night in the old Naval Hospital, 9th street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

It was voted that the body of the unknown soldier killed in the world war be buried in Arlington national cemetery Armistice day, and not in the United States Capitol, as has been proposed.

Announcement was made that many members of the post contemplate entering one or more of the athletic events on the program of the annual excursion of the American Legion at Chesapeake Beach next month. The post is holding meetings the first Thursday of each month during the summer.

bert E. Haan, national service director of the American Legion, and a member of George Washington Post, has returned from attending several conventions of the legion in the south. Past Department and Past Post Commander E. Lester Jones has returned from a several weeks' trip along the Canadian border. He was appointed several months ago commander of the American Legion, International Boundary, United States and Canada.

It is planned to carry the colors of the post to the next annual convention of the legion at Kansas City, Mo., on October 31. The new national commander has announced that he is desirous of as many posts being represented as possible at the coming convention. Each post so represented is to be presented with a letter of appreciation from the staff of its banner. This service bar will bear the wording, "Third Annual Convention, Kansas City, 1921."

The by-laws of the post went to press during the past week, and within a few days will be ready for distribution to members. The by-laws contain sixteen pages, and is the result of several months' work on the part of a special committee.

At a joint special meeting of the executive and resolutions committees of National Capital Post, 127, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Tuesday evening, the latter committee reported resolutions which were unanimously adopted and every one of them is to be presented to the post for action.

One of the resolutions proposes that a committee of several veteran bodies be organized to select the site for the next annual encampment, for the purpose of promoting a Federation of American Veterans.

Another resolution proposes a consolidation of service bureaus of all veterans' organizations. One of the organizations having a representative on the board of the resolutions is the Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Spanish War Veterans, American Legion and Disabled Veterans' League, who are empowered to select the same city for their next annual encampment, for the purpose of promoting a Federation of American Veterans.

The executive committee of the Veterans of the 2d Division, Branch No. 1, of the District of Columbia and vicinity, at a meeting presided over by Brig. Gen. D. C. Brown, general staff, U. S. Army, completed arrangements for an outing at Marshall Hall Saturday, July 23, 1921, when the division attacked as part of the 20th Army Corps (French), captured Beauregard arm, Faucettville, Vieray and advanced to Tigny. Arrangements have been made to transport the division men now under treatment at the Walter Reed and Naval hospitals to and from the boat.

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landing. A number of men who served with the 2d Division overseas and are now on duty at the marine barracks, Quantico, Va., will meet the party at Marshall Hall. The post band of Quantico will accompany them. An athletic program has been arranged, suitable prizes will be awarded; also prizes for the best dancer and the prettiest girl. Maj. Gen. James G. Harbord, U. S. Army, recently appointed executive assistant to Gen. Pershing, chief of staff, U. S. Army, was enrolled as a member of the 2d Division Veterans. He commanded the 4th Brigade, 2d Division, from May 6, 1918, to July 15, 1918, in the trenches at the Verdun sector, and also during the engagements northwest of Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood and Housheer. He took command of the division July 16, 1918, on the eve of the engagement near Soissons. Gen. Harbord relinquished command of the division at Camp Travis, Tex., to accept the appointment as executive assistant to the chief of staff, U. S. Army.

Plans for the annual excursion of the Vincent E. Costa Post, American Legion, to Chesapeake Beach August 2 are progressing under the direction of Mr. J. J. Jones, chairman of the entertainment committee. A family reunion and field day, augmented by a program of athletic events, is planned. Reservations are being completed looking toward the establishment of a clubhouse on the shore near Chain Bridge. The next meeting of the post will be held on the second instead of the first Tuesday of August, as the excursion date conflicts with the regular meeting night.

The port of London authorities spend more than \$2,500 a year on cats' meat for the large army of cats now required to deal with rats and mice.

## DOUBT IDENTITY OF THE U. S. DEAD FOUND AT GERMAN PRISON CAMPS

BERLIN, June 16.—The work of exhuming the bodies of the American soldiers who died as prisoners of war in Germany has developed such difficulties that some uncertainty attaches to the identity of the few which have been unearthed from among the unnamed German and other dead in the cemeteries near the old prison camps.

Many of the graves were unmarked and the names of the men buried in some places were unknown, so that much guesswork entered into the task of the American graves registration service, in charge of two American Army officers, which has superintended the operations.

The bodies exhumed comprise what are thought to be the remains of American soldiers who died in Germany, said a member of the registration service. "We have shipped fifteen from Leipzig to America for transportation to America. Our operations have been carried out in Strassburg, Stockach (on the northern end of Lake Constance), Lindau-am-Bodensee, Munich, Darmstadt, Cologne, Stuttgart and Hindenburg, Silesia."

To exhume and remove the single soldier buried near Hindenburg—in a flower-covered grave shaded by chestnut trees—it was necessary to obtain permission from the interrelated high commission at Oppeln, the Polish representative there, the head of German self-defense organizations

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